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SUBJECT: Change to the Army Scuba Diver Badge

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1. **Purpose.** This letter serves to announce changes to the Army Scuba Diver Badge.
2. **Applicability.** This policy applies to the Active Army, the Army National Guard/Army National Guard of the United States, and the U.S. Army Reserve.
3. **Proponent and exception authority.** The proponent for this policy is the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1 (DCS, G-1). The DCS, G-1 is the approval authority for exceptions to this letter that are consistent with controlling law and regulation. This will not be delegated.
4. **References.**
 - a. Required References: AR 600-8-22, Military Awards.
 - b. Related References: AR 611-75, Management of Army Divers.
5. **Explanation of abbreviations and terms.**
 - a. CDQC - Combat Diver Qualification Course
 - b. CDSC - Combat Diving Supervisor Course
 - c. USAJFKSWCS - U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School
 - d. USASOC - United States Army Special Operations Command
6. **Responsibilities.**
 - a. The DCS, G-1 will exercise Department of the Army responsibility on matters concerning military awards and serve as the senior Army official on matters concerning military awards.
 - b. The Commanding General, U.S. Army Human Resources Command (CG, USA HRC)

will conduct and supervise all military awards functions prescribed in this letter. The CG, USA HRC will act on behalf of the DCS, G-1 when so delegated and directed.

c. The Commandant, Adjutant General School, will ensure that the branch implements this letter.

7. Overview. The following policy will be incorporated in the next revision of Army Regulation 600-8-22.

8. Policy.

a. *Intent.* The Scuba Diver Badge has been renamed the Special Operations Diver Badge. An additional skill level, Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge, has been created.

b. *Award approval authority.* The Commanding General, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center & School (USAJFKSWCS) is the awarding authority for the Special Operations Diver Badge and the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge.

c. *Basic eligibility criteria.* The basic eligibility criteria for award of the Special Operations Diver Badge and the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge are as follows:

(1) Special Operations Diver Badge. This badge is awarded to graduates of the USAJFKSWCS Combat Diver Qualification Course (CDQC), Special Forces Underwater Operations, Key West, Florida, or any other United States Army Special Operations Command (USASOC) approved combat diver qualification course.

(2) Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge. This badge is awarded to graduates of the USAJFKSWCS Combat Diving Supervisor Course (CDSC), Special Forces Underwater Operations, Key West, Florida, or any other USASOC approved combat diving supervisor course. Prerequisite for the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge is the Special Operations Diver Badge.

d. *Retroactive award.* The Special Operations Diver Badge and the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge may be awarded retroactively to members of any service who successfully completed the USAJFKSWCS Combat Diver Qualification Course and the Combat Diving Supervisor Course on or after 1 October 1964. Battalion S-1s will submit a roster of all personnel meeting the criteria for each award. All retroactive award requests will be submitted to the Commander, USAJFKSWCS, ATTN: AOJK-GPB (C/2/1 SWTG LNO), Fort Bragg, NC 28310. Retroactive requests for veterans must be forwarded to the National Personnel Records Center, ATTN: NRPMA-M, 9700 Page Ave., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100.

e. *Revocation.* The Special Operations Diver Badge and the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge may be revoked by the Commander, USAJFKSWCS or the CG, USA HRC, based on the recommendation of the field commander (COL and above). If the commander believes the individual has exhibited a pattern of behavior or duty performance that is inconsistent with expectations of the Army, or the qualified service member does not continuously demonstrate enhanced degrees of confidence, commitment, competency and discipline, then the badge may be revoked. Award of the Special Operations Diver Badge and the Special Operations Diving Supervisor Badge may be revoked for any of the following conditions:

(1) Dismissal, dishonorable discharge, or conviction by courts-martial for desertion in time of war.

(2) Failure to maintain prescribed standards of personal fitness and readiness to accomplish missions commensurate with position and rank.


(3) Upon relief or release for cause.

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